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January 10, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

LOBBYIST ORDINANCE PENALTY ASSESSMENTS (ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTE)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. In accordance with Section 2.160.150 of the Los Angeles County Code, direct County Counsel to bring civil action against Peter Snyder, a registered lobbyist employer, in the amount of \$2,000, for his failure to file a quarterly lobbying report for the period of July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006.
2. In accordance with Section 2.160.150 of the Los Angeles County Code, bar Mr. Snyder from being granted a County contract, permit, grant, license or franchise and terminate his registration until such time as he is in compliance with the lobbyist ordinance.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer to notify Mr. Snyder and all County Department and District Heads of your Board's action.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On April 6, 1993, your Board adopted Ordinance No. 93-0031 (Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code), the lobbyist ordinance. The ordinance requires that individuals and entities that seek to influence County officials register as lobbying firms or lobbyist employers. The ordinance also requires quarterly reports to be filed by all registrants. The ordinance contains certain penalties for those who fail to adhere to the provisions of the ordinance.

Mr. Snyder registered as a lobbyist employer on June 16, 2005. He has been notified on three different dates that he must submit a quarterly report for the period of July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006. He has failed to file his quarterly report, pay the \$15 filing fee and pay the \$250 late penalty.

Attached are copies of the letters sent to Mr. Snyder by my office. He has been notified by certified mail that this matter has been placed on your Board's agenda in the event he or a representative may wish to testify.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Total penalties in an amount of up to \$2,000 will partially offset County Counsel's expenses in preparing the suit against Mr. Snyder. There are no other direct costs associated with this action because court fees are waived for the County.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 2.160.080 of the Los Angeles County Code requires lobbyist employers to submit quarterly lobbyist reports at the end of the month following each calendar quarter. Mr. Snyder registered as a lobbyist employer on June 16, 2005. Mr. Snyder was notified on September 22, 2006 that the quarterly report was due on October 31, 2006 covering the period of July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006. On November 9, 2006, Mr. Snyder was notified that the quarterly report had not been filed and a fine of \$250 would be imposed if the required report was not filed by November 27, 2006. On December 4, 2006, Mr. Snyder signed for a certified letter dated November 30, 2006 notifying him that the \$250 fine had been imposed and the report, filing fee and fine were required to be filed by December 14, 2006. Further, Mr. Snyder was informed that if the report, filing fee and fine were not filed by December 14, 2006 additional penalties would be imposed for failure to comply with reporting requirements. To date, the report has not been filed.

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In accordance with Section 2.160.150 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Executive Officer has determined that Mr. Snyder has violated the lobbyist ordinance. The ordinance empowers your Board to impose sanctions on any person or entity in violation of the lobbyist ordinance, including but not limited to, directing the County Counsel to file a civil action.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Approval of the action recommended in this letter will have minor impact on the Office of the County Counsel, which will file a civil action against Mr. Snyder in the Superior Court.

Respectfully submitted,


SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Attachments (4)

c. Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

S:Lobbyist/Lobbyist/Letters/2007/Bd Ltr/Snyder



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September 22, 2006

To: Lobbyist Employers

From: Donato B. Garcia *DBG*
CHIEF AUXILIARY SERVICES

Subject: **QUARTERLY LOBBYIST REPORTS**

Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Los Angeles County lobbyist ordinance, as amended, requires you to file quarterly reports of lobbying activities. The ordinance imposes penalties for failure to file the reports with the Executive Office by the end of the month following the close of the quarter.

This quarter's reports must be signed by the Responsible Officer for your organization and submitted to this office by **Tuesday, October 31, 2006**. Your quarterly report must cover the period from July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006. **Even though you may not have had activity this quarter, you must still file a quarterly report.**

You must file a Lobbyist Employer Quarterly Report (Form LOB 8) with our office. If you, as a lobbyist employer, have in-house employee lobbyists, you must also file a Lobbyist Quarterly Report (Form LOB 6) for each in-house lobbyist.

NOTE: In the event you wish to terminate your organization's registration, you may do so by checking the box on the front page of the Form LOB 8 (Notice of Termination). However, if you only want to terminate the registration of an in-house employee, you must file an Amendment to Registration Statement (Form LOB 5) with this office.

The lobbying ordinance requires a \$15 filing fee to accompany the Lobbyist Employer Quarterly Report (Form LOB 8). If paying by check, please make it payable to Los Angeles County.

The lobbyist registration ordinance authorizes a \$250 fine for late filings. **We strongly urge you to file your quarterly report by the October 31, 2006 deadline.**

You must file a signed original report with our office. Copies of reports are not acceptable and will be returned. Your report may be **mailed via the U.S. Postal Service or other delivery services**. The report is not acceptable if it is filed via fax equipment or electronic mail. If you need additional forms you may access our website at the following link [Lobbyist Forms](#). If you have a question or need further assistance you may call George Britton of my staff at (213) 974-1093.

s:Lobbyist/Lobbyist/Internet Quarterly Notice to File/Emp 3rd Qt 2006



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November 9, 2006

Mr. Peter Snyder
PO Box 4383
Malibu, CA 90265

Dear Mr. Snyder:

QUARTERLY REPORT

By memo dated September 22, 2006, you were notified that, as a lobbying firm or as a lobbyist employer, you are required to file a quarterly activity report for the period covering July through September of 2006 by the deadline date of October 31, 2006. Your quarterly report has not been received.

Chapter 2.160, Section 2.160.140 of the Los Angeles County Code imposes a \$250 fine for the late filing of a quarterly report. In order to avoid the \$250 fine, our office must receive your quarterly report along with the required \$15 filing fee by **Monday, November 27, 2006**.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me (213) 974-1578 or you may contact George Britton of my staff at (213) 974-1093.

Very truly yours,

DONATO B. GARCIA
CHIEF AUXILIARY SERVICES

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November 30, 2006

Mr. Peter Snyder
PO Box 4383
Malibu, CA 90265

Dear Mr. Snyder:

LOBBYIST EMPLOYER QUARTERLY REPORT

According to our records, your Lobbyist Employer Quarterly Report (Form LOB 8) for the period of July through September of 2006 has not been filed with this office.

Our initial letter which accompanied your form and explained your filing obligation was sent to you on September 22, 2006. On November 9, 2006, we again informed you of the filing requirements and that a fine of \$250 would be imposed if your quarterly report was not filed in this office by November 27, 2006.

Please remit to this office, by **Thursday, December 14, 2006**, a check or money order in the amount of \$250, made payable to the County of Los Angeles. You must still submit your quarterly report along with the \$15 filing fee by that same date.

If we do not receive your quarterly report, filing fee and payment of the \$250 fine by **Thursday, December 14, 2006**, there will be an immediate recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to terminate your registration. In addition, the recommendation will instruct County Counsel to file a civil lawsuit against your company in superior court. Legal action against you could result in a judgment against you that would include the actual cost of the filing fee and the actual cost of service of process. (Code of Civil Procedure section 1033)

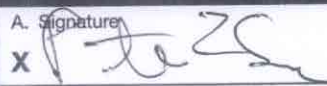
We urge you to act immediately. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me at (213) 974-1578 or you may call George Britton of my staff at (213) 974-1093.

Very truly yours,

DONATO B. GARCIA
Chief, Auxiliary Services

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